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amendments to LB 67. All in favor please say aye. Opposed nay.
The E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM0043.
(Legislative Journal page 312.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Beutler to open on AM0043.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is a little matter but I think worthy of just a couple minutes of discussion and we can vote on it, and it has to do with Section 19 of the bill. And the part that is changed appears on page 30 of the bill, in case you want to follow the new language, and pick up the debate from the language of the bill. The amendment essentially would strike Section 19 so that the change made in that section simply is not made. The section has to do with the relationship between Class I school districts and the high school district to which they may be attached, and I think most of you understand that the budget authority now is one...is considered as one entity and one complete budget so that if the Class I wants to have or do certain things related to their financial matters they really have to get approval from the K-12 or high school district so that it's all coordinated. And if they want to have additional general fund budget authority, under the provisions of law that currently exist, they have to apply before a certain date in March and the high school district has to respond on or before April 12 as to whether they can have additional budget authority. And under the current law, the high school district would then have to act at a public meeting, and if the high school district failed to act, failed to take up the matter, then the existing law says there's a presumption that they have granted the budget authority to the Class I district. So the Class I district is given that advantage in terms of, if no action is taken, it's presumed approved. Now what the bill purports to do is to give to the Class I district an additional presumption that it's approved in the event that the high school district fails to send notification to the Class I district of the denial of the request for additional budget authority. So, in other words, under the law, the Class I district has the right to receive written notice. So what the bill would purport to do would be